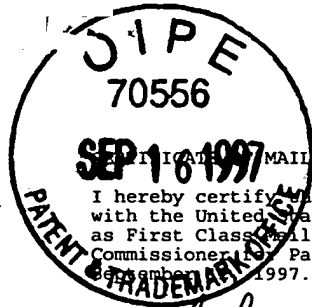


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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action filed September 5, 1997. A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 25-32 are pending in the application. The claims have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 5,421,955. The '955 patent is commonly owned and commonly assigned to Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc., Santa Clara, California. A Terminal